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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING DIGITAL DATA

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 presently are pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9-13 and 15 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable by Kaaresoja (U.S. Patent No. 6,556,573). Claims 3, 8, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaaresoja (U.S. Patent No. 6,556,573) and further in view of Boetzel (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,541).

In the Amendment filed November 22, 2004, Applicant argued that Kaaresoja does not teach or suggest a transmission channel interconnecting first and second relays which has "a limited data rate associated with transmission in circuit mode." In the example disclosed in the